

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

By Jones

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Fisk University women's gymnastics team upon becoming the first HBCU gymnastics team to compete at the NCAA level.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such team is the Fisk University women's gymnastics team, whose members have achieved an historic milestone this season by becoming the first Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HCBU) team to compete in NCAA gymnastics; and

WHEREAS, the Fisk University Bulldogs made their history-making NCAA debut at the Super 16 event in Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, competing against North Carolina, Southern Utah, and Washington at the event, Fisk ultimately finished in fourth place with an impressive score of 186.700; and

WHEREAS, the Fisk University gymnastics team enjoy the stellar leadership and extensive gymnastics knowledge of Head Coach Corrinne Tarver, who became the first Black gymnast to win an NCAA all-around title in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Fisk University Bulldogs exemplify the values of Fisk University: determination, excellence, and a commitment to a more just and equitable future; these values have consistently been at the forefront of women's gymnastics, and Fisk is proud to congratulate their remarkable student athletes on their tremendous success this season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women have not only made possible a history-making NCAA debut but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Fisk University women's gymnastics team for their outstanding performance in their inaugural season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of Fisk University women's gymnastics team upon becoming the first Historically Black Colleges and Universities gymnastics team to compete at the NCAA level and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.